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REF: PANAMA 463 AND STATE 20495.

TO: ROY LEE RICE
54 HANKLA DIRVE
HOUSTON, TEXAS
TEL. (713) 694-2730.

I WAS VERY SORRY TO LEARN THAT YOUR BROTHER, RICHARD RUDOLPH RICE, BORN DEC. 17, 1919, IN WILLOW HALE, TEXAS, HAS DIED OF INJURIES SUSTAINED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON JAN 22, 1978. WE WERE INFORMED OF THE ACCIDENT BY HIS NEIGHBOR, MRS. TOSTON. MR. OSWALDO RAMIREZ OF REFINARIA PANAMA, COLON, TEL. 42-0376, HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN SUPPLYING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DECEASED'S DAUGHTER, NANCY JO RICE SEALS, AND HIS EX-WIFE SYLVIA ARE HERE IN PANAMA MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS BURIAL AND FOR DISPOSING OF HIS ESTATE. WHEN YOUR BROTHER LAST OBTAINED A PASSPORT IN 1973, HOWEVER, HE ASKED THAT YOU BE NOTIFIED IN EVENT OF HIS DEATH AND WE WISH TO COMPLY WITH HIS REQUEST. IT APPEARS THAT CUSTODY OF THE ESTATE WILL BE DETERMINED BY A COURT OF LAW IN PANAMA. ALTHOUGH PANAMANIAN LAW GIVES CHILDREN BORN IN OR OUT OF WEDLOCK PREFERENCE OVER BROTHERS IN DISPOSING OF EN ESTATE, YOU MAY WISH TO GO TO THE NEAREST
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PANAMANIAN CONSULATE AND EXECUTE A POWER OF ATTORNEY AUTHORIZING SOMEONE IN PANAMA TO ACT IN YOUR BEHALF. YOU PROBABLY WISH TO EXTEND SUCH AUTHORITY TO THE ATTORNEY SELECTED BY YOUR NIECE BUT OUR CONSULAR SECTION WILL BE HAPPY TO SEND YOU A LIST OF LOCAL ATTORNEYS IF YOU WRITE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY BOX 2016, BALBOA, CANAL ZONE. MR. JOHN KILGORE, OF BROWN AND RUTH IN PANAMA, TEL. 69-4033, IS ASSISTING MRS. RICE AND MRS. SEALS

IN MAKING LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS AND HE WILL BE GLAD TO PROVIDE
YOU WITH FURTHER INFORMATION THAT YOU DESIRE.
AMERICAN EMBASSY
PANAMA, R.P.
JORDEN

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